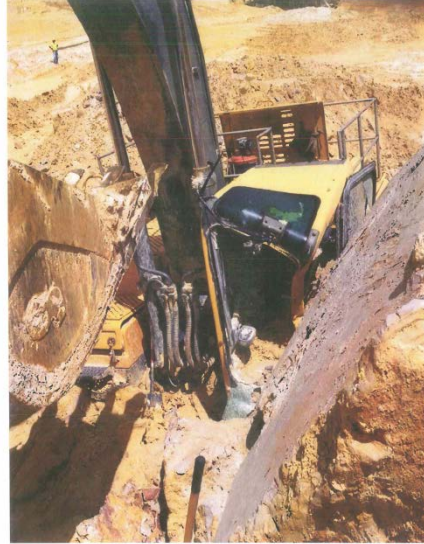


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Near Miss Accident

Sand and Gravel Mine – April 2015 – A miner was operating an excavator when the highwall collapsed. A large chalk ball / bolder struck the operator's cab temporarily trapping the miner for over an hour. He was airlifted to a medical center and he was treated for his injuries. The victim suffered a broken left ankle and a contusion to the head.



Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures for working near highwalls. Identify and control all hazards.
- Train all persons to recognize adverse conditions and environmental factors that can decrease highwall stability and understand safe job procedures to eliminate all hazards before beginning work.
- Look, Listen and Evaluate pit and highwall conditions daily, especially after each rain, freeze, or thaw.
- Remove loose or overhanging material from the face. Correct hazardous conditions by working from a safe location.
- Ensure that work or travel areas and equipment are a safe distance from the toe of the highwall

